

Throttle Up! . . . Your Faith

Hebrews 11: 1-4, 7

I. Faith is Your Foundation.

A. Faith's foundation is the Word of God. - *John 1:1*

1. It's writers

- Approximately 40 human writers, separated by time and station in life.
- The writers had a variety of occupations. These occupations included: prophets, kings, statesmen, herdsman, fishermen, pastors, soldiers, and ex-Pharisees.

2. It's period of writing

- The bible was written down over a period of approximately 1,600 years: from Moses (c. 1500 B.C.) to John (c.100 A.D.)

2. It's scientific knowledge

The Bible revealed many scientific truths long before scientists actually discovered them.

- The importance of blood - *Leviticus 17:11*
- The earth's position in space - *Job 26:7*
- The unseen number of stars - *Genesis 22:17, Deuteronomy 1:10*
- The manner of animal reproduction - *Genesis 1:24,25*
- The existence of other planets - *Hebrews 1:2*
- The fact that air has weight - *Job 28:25*
- The existence of ocean currents - *Psalm 8:8, Isaiah 43:16*

3. Despite such a long period of time and such a variety of writers the bible exists as one book:

- It bears witness of ONE God
- It forms ONE continuous story
- It has ONE plan of salvation
- It has ONE central theme – Jesus Christ
- And it contains not ONE inconsistency
- This sounds like the kind of book we can use as the foundation of our faith.

B. Faith's foundation is in those things which cannot be seen.

Hebrews 11: 1-3, Romans 8: 24-25, 2 Corinthians 4:18

- It's much easier to have faith in those things which are distant, than those things that we need answers to now.
- True faith is to believe in something you can't see, touch, predict, or know already.
- God is as real today as he was when he walked the earth.

II. Faith is Your Freedom.

A. Faith gives you the freedom to press on. - *Philippians 3:13-14*

B. Faith gives you the freedom to meet adversity. - *Hebrews 11:7*

III. Faith is Your Future.

A. Faith will determine the future of your testimony. - *Hebrews 11:4*

- Because of Abel's faith, even though he was dead, he was still speaking from the grave.
- Today all of us are writing the epitaph for our tombstone. We are writing our life story and how we will be remembered.

B. Faith will determine the future of your family. - *Joshua 7:20-21, 24-25*

- Now when we talk of Achon's testimony, it is one of faithlessness and loss.

So what?

It's time we "throttle up our faith."

- The bible is the foundation of your faith which will allow you to have faith in the unseen.
- With this foundation you can have the freedom to put your faith in Christ to save you, keep you and provide for you without worrying what others will think.
- Faith will give you a future in heaven and a heritage for your family.